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SUBJECT: ALLEGED TUSCAN REGIONAL GOVERNMENT PRESSURE ON  
LUCCA CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS

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1. DC DEPUTY AND PARLIAMENTARY HEALTH AND SANITATION  
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MARIA ELETTA MARTINI CLAIMED IN A DISCUSSION  
AT HER HOME WITH POL/ECONOFFICER THAT TUSCAN REGIONAL GOVERNMENT  
OFFICIALS WERE SYSTEMATICALLY IMPOSING A SERIES OF COMPROMISES  
WITH THE PCI UPON THE DC MAJORITY LUCCA CITY GOVERNMENT AND  
MORE OFTEN UPON THE DC/PRI LUCCA PROVINCIAL GIUNTA.  
RESPONDING TO A REQUEST FOR EXAMPLES, MARTINI DESCRIBED IN  
SOME DETAIL AN ALLEGED CONVERSATION WITH TUSCAN REGIONAL  
PRESIDENT LAGORIO (PSI) IN WHICH MARTINI COMPLAINED TO  
LAGORIO THAT THE REGIONAL PLAN TO DRAW WATER FROM ONE SOURCE  
TO SUPPLY PISA WOULD DEPRIVE LUCCA FARMERS OF BADLY NEEDED  
IRRIGATION WATER WHILE WATER FOR PISA COULD EQUALLY WELL  
BE DRAWN FROM ANOTHER WATER SOURCE WITHOUT ADVERSELY  
AFFECTING ANYONE. LAGORIO ALLEGEDLY SAID THAT IN ORDER TO  
GET THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENT TO ALTER ITS PLAN SO AS TO  
ACCOMMODATE THE LUCCA PROVINCIAL GIUNTA, LUCCA WOULD HAVE TO  
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ACCOMMODATE LAGORIO'S PCI PARTNERS IN THE TUSCAN REGIONAL  
GIUNTA BY APPOINTING SOME LUCCA PCI MEMBERS TO LOCAL JOBS.

2. ASKED TO CITE OTHER EXAMPLES, MARTINI CITED THE REGIONAL  
GOVERNMENT'S DIVISION OF CITY RESTORATION FUNDS  
ALLOTING LUCCA APPROXIMATELY ONE TENTH THE FUNDS GRANTED ANOTHER  
TOWN ONE FIFTH ITS SIZE AND ANOTHER LESS CLEAR MAL-

TREATMENT OF LUCCA INVOLVING REGIONAL INTERCITY BUS FACILITIES. SHE SAID CLEARLY THAT THE THREE CITATIONS WERE ONLY A FEW OF A GREAT MANY SUCH EXTORTIONS FAVORING THE PCI.

3. SUBSEQUENTLY, I SPOKE WITH LAGORIO AND INQUIRED ABOUT THE ALLEGATIONS. LAGORIO EXPLAINED THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENT POWERS WERE BEING TRANSFERRED TO THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENT THEREFORE THE LUCCA PROVINCIAL AND CITY GOVERNMENTS HAD LOST JOBS TO THE REGION. THEREFORE, IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF LUCCA TO SEEK PRESIDENCIES OF REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AND DIRECTORSHIPS OF REGIONAL AGENCIES FOR DC MEMBERS.

4. COMMENT. LAGORIO'S EXPLANATION WAS INTENDED TO IMPLY THAT THE LUCCHESI ARE BEING OR HAVE BEEN OFFERED COMPENSATION BY REGIONAL JOBS IN EXCHANGE FOR SURRENDER OF PROVINCIAL POSTS. HOWEVER, THE EXPLANATION LEAVES SOME GAPS IN THE CHARGES AND WE SHALL HAVE TO PURSUE THIS MATTER FURTHER. ONE CONSIDERATION WE MUST KEEP IN MIND IN THIS CASE IS THE VIOLENT ANTIPATHY ON THE PART OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS IN TUSCANY TOWARD THE PSI. AGAIN, AS IS THE CASE DESCRIBED REFTEL, NO QUOTE COMPROMESSO STORICO UNQUOTE IN THE TECHNICAL SENSE IS BEING PROPOSED BY THE PSI REGIONAL GOVERNMENT SINCE THE POSITIONS DESIRED FOR THE PCI IN THE LUCCA PROVINCIAL APPARATUS ARE ONLY THE PRESIDENCIES OF ONE OR TWO PROVINCIAL COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND NOT POSITIONS IN THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENT. ALSO, HOWEVER, IF THIS CHANGE TAKES PLACE, A COSMETIC STEP TOWARD THE QUOTE COMPROMESSO STORICO UNQUOTE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE MINDS OF MANY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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